

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 1. (currently amended) A circuit breaker switch comprising:
2 a rocker that is positionable between a first on position, and a second off position;
3 an actuator element that is coupled to the rocker such that it causes a first electrically
4 conductive contact portion to move into contact with a second electrically conductive contact
5 portion when said rocker is in the on position; and
6 a dielectric separator element that is urged between the first and second electrically
7 conductive contact portions in the event of excess current being passed between the first and
8 second electrically conductive contact portions at least in part, by a bimetallic element that urges
9 the second electrically conductive contact portion to move away from the first electrically
10 conductive contact portion.

1 2. (original) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein said switch further
2 comprises a trip indicator that is coupled to said dielectric separator element such that said trip
3 indicator provides a visual indication that said dielectric separator element has moved in the
4 event of excess current being passed between the first and second electrically conductive contact
5 portions.

1 3. (original) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 2, wherein said switch may be
2 reset by depressing said trip indicator.

1 4. (original) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuator element
2 causes the first electrically conductive contact portion to move into contact with the second
3 electrically conductive portion by being forced between the first electrically conductive contact
4 portion and an inner wall of a switch housing.

1 5. canceled herein

1 6. (original) A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein said dielectric separator
2 element is urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions, at least in
3 part, by a bias spring that urges said dielectric separator element against the second electrically
4 conductive contact portion.

1 7. (original) A circuit breaker switch comprising:
2 a rocker that is positionable between a first off position, and a second on position;
3 an actuator element that is coupled to the rocker such that it causes a first electrically
4 conductive contact portion to move in a first direction into contact with a second electrically
5 conductive contact portion when said rocker is in the on position, said second electrically
6 conductive contact portion being mounted on a bimetallic element and said second electrically
7 conductive portion being movable away from said first electrically conductive portion in said
8 first direction in the event of excess current being passed through said bimetallic element; and
9 a dielectric separator element that is urged between the first and second electrically
10 conductive contact portions in the event of excess current being passed through said bimetallic
11 element.

1 8. (original) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said switch further
2 comprises a trip indicator that is coupled to said dielectric separator element such that said trip
3 indicator provides a visual indication that said dielectric separator element has moved in the
4 event of excess current being passed through said bimetallic element.

1 9. (previously amended) A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said
2 dielectric separator element is urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact

portions, at least in part, by a bias spring that urges said dielectric separator element against the second electrically conductive contact portion.

10. (original) A method of using a circuit breaker switch, said method comprising the steps of:

positioning a rocker to a first on position, causing a first electrically conductive portion to move in a first direction into contact with a second electrically conductive portion;

overcharging said switch causing said second electrically conductive portion to move away from said first electrically conductive portion in said first direction;

providing a dielectric insulator element to be positioned between said first and second electrically conductive portions; and

providing a visual indication that the circuit breaker switch has been tripped.

11. (previously added) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said switch further comprises a trip indicator that is coupled to said dielectric separator element such that said trip indicator provides a visual indication that said dielectric separator element has moved in the event of excess current being passed between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions.

12. (previously added) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 11, wherein said switch may be reset by depressing said trip indicator.

13. (previously added) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said actuator element causes the first electrically conductive contact portion to move into contact with the second electrically conductive portion by being forced between the first electrically conductive contact portion and an inner wall of a switch housing.

1 14. (previously added) A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said dielectric
2 separator element is urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions,
3 at least in part, by said bimetallic element which urges the second electrically conductive contact
4 portion to move away from the first electrically conductive contact portion in the event of excess
5 current being passed between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions.

1 15. (previously added) A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said dielectric
2 separator element is urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions,
3 at least in part, by a bias spring that urges said dielectric separator element against the second
4 electrically conductive contact portion.

1 16. (new) A circuit breaker switch comprising:
2 a rocker that is positionable between a first on position, and a second off position;
3 an actuator element that is coupled to the rocker such that it causes a first electrically
4 conductive contact portion to move into contact with a second electrically conductive contact
5 portion when said rocker is in the on position; and
6 a dielectric separator element that is urged between the first and second electrically
7 conductive contact portions when said second electrically conductive contact portion is moved
8 away from the first electrically conductive contact portion in the event of excess current being
9 passed between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions.

1 17. (new) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 16, wherein said switch further
2 comprises a trip indicator that is coupled to said dielectric separator element such that said trip
3 indicator provides a visual indication that said dielectric separator element has moved in the
4 event of excess current being passed between the first and second electrically conductive contact
5 portions.

1 18. (new) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 17, wherein said switch may be
2 reset by depressing said trip indicator.

1 19. (new) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 16, wherein said actuator element
2 causes the first electrically conductive contact portion to move into contact with the second
3 electrically conductive portion by being forced between the first electrically conductive contact
4 portion and an inner wall of a switch housing.

1 20. (new) A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 16, wherein said dielectric separator
2 element is urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions, at least in
3 part, by a bimetallic element that urges the second electrically conductive contact portion to
4 move away from the first electrically conductive contact portion in the event of excess current
5 being passed between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions.

1 21. (new) A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 16, wherein said dielectric separator
2 element is urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions, at least in
3 part, by a bias spring that urges said dielectric separator element against the second electrically
4 conductive contact portion.